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ONLINE COURSES

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Under National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) scheme, 403 universities have been provided One Gbps connectivity and 21,766 colleges, including affiliated colleges through 20 nodes each of 512 Kbps broadband connectivity, so far.

The Government does not conduct online courses itself, however, it facilitates the educational institutes to make and offer online courses in various disciplines under NMEICT scheme. Institutes like IIT Madras and a few other institutions have already started to offer Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs) for the benefit of learners.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Lok Sabha question.

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